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GDR REPLY SOVIET NOTE OF NOVEMBER 27 DELIVERED BY DEPUTY  
FONMIN WINZER TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR PERVUKHIN IN EAST BERLIN  
JANUARY 7. TEXT PUBLISHED TODAY IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND. ALTHOUGH  
FAILS MENTION 6-MONTHS' TERM, GDR NOTE TAKES EXCEEDINGLY STRONG  
LINE IN SUPPORT SOVIET PROPOSALS CONCERNING BERLIN, GOING  
EVEN FURTHER THAN SOVIET NOTE IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. GDR REPLY  
OBVIOUSLY WITHHELD UNTIL AFTER WESTERN ANSWERS SOVIET NOTE.  
SINCE IT MUST BE ASSUMED TEXT GDR REPLY CLEARED WITH SOVIETS  
PRIOR DELIVERY, UNCONCILIATORY TONE GDR REPLY AT THIS TIME  
IS OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE.

FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR POINTS OF INTEREST IN GDR NOTE:

1) ALL PREVIOUS ARGUMENTS FROM KROEGER ARTICLE LAST JANUARY  
(OURTELS 760,772 TO BONN, RPTD 824,835 TO DEPT.), ULBRICHT'S  
SPEECH OCTOBER (OURTELS 246, 247 TO BONN, RPTD 291, 292 TO  
DEPT) AND SOVIET NOTE UTILIZED TO "SHOW" BERLIN PROPERLY  
PART TERRITORY GDR AND ALLIES NO LONGER HAVE RIGHT OCCUPATION  
WEST BERLIN. NOTE PROCEEDS FURTHER TO STATE MAINTENANCE  
OCCUPATION REGIME AND CONTINUED PRESENCE WESTERN TROOPS IN  
WEST BERLIN IN VIOLATION POTSDAM AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS WOULD

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BE AN INTERVENTION RPT INTERVENTION CONTRARY INTERNATIONAL LAW.

2) ATTEMPTS REBUT CONNECTION WESTERN MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM THURINGIA AND OTHER PARTS SOVIET ZONE WITH WESTERN OCCUPATION SECOTRS BERLIN BY STATING WESTERN POWERS PARTICIPATION OCCUPATION AND ADMINISTRATION BERLIN BASED ON PRIOR 4--POWER AGREEMENTS, NOT ON TROOPS WITHDRAWALS FROM SOVIET ZONE.

3) HAVING ESTABLISHED BY SELF-DETERMINATION GERMAN PEOPLE A TRULY PEACE-LOVING AND DEMOCARATIC STATE ACCORDING PRINCIPLES OF POTSDAM, GDR IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE (RECHTMASSIGE) GERMAN STATE. SIMILARLY EAST BERLIN MAGISTRAT IS STATED TO BE ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTAL FOR ALL BERLIN. NOTE REPEATEDLY CLAIMS BE SPEAKING FOR NATIONAL INTEREST GERMAN PEOPLE.

4) WESTERN ENDEAVOR MAKE BERLIN A MATTER OF NATO CONSIDERATION UNDERLINES MENDACITY ATTEMPT JUSTIFY FURTHER PRESENCE WESTERN TROOPS BERLIN ON BASIS ALLEGED RIGHTS. SHOWS AIM IS TO DRAW WEST BERLIN MORE AND MORE INTO NATO WAR PREPARATIONS.

5) NOTE GIVES DETAILED ACCOUNT WESTERN POWERS'S MISUSE OCCUPATION AUTHORITY WEST BERLIN TO "SEPARATE" WESTER SECTOR FROM "DEMOCRATIC" PART CITY.

6) WHILE STATES GER READINESS, AFTER SOVIET TURNOVER RE--SPONSIBILITIES, TO NEGOTIATE RE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT WESTERN FORCES STATIONED BERLIN IN SPIRIT "PEACEFUL UNDERSTANDING", THIS SENTENCE FOLLOWS LENGTHY PASSAGE REITERATING THAT WESTERN POWERS NO LONGER HAVE ANY RIGHT MAINTAIN PRIVILEGES IN WEST BERLIN IN FORM OCCUPATION REGIME.

GERMAN TEXT NOTE POUCHED DEPARTMENT TODAY. INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION WILL BE POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND INTERESTED POSTS.

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